

EIGHTH DAY

(Thursday, October 24, 1957)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President Pro Tempore.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bracewell	Moffett
Bradshaw	Moore
Colson	Owen
Fly	Parkhouse
Fuller	Phillips
Gonzalez	Reagan
Hardeman	Roberts
Hazlewood	Rogers
Hudson	Secrest
Kazen	Smith
Krueger	Wood
Lane	

Absent—Excused

Herring	Weinert
Ratliff	Willis

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Fuller and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Willis was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness on motion of Senator Martin.

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Martin.

Senator Herring was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Owen.

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Ashley.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
October 24, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 4, Granting permission for Fred Phillips to bring suit against the State of Texas.

H. C. R. No. 5, To provide for the payment of expenses of Members of the Legislature when attending certain meetings.

H. C. R. No. 25, In memory of Dr. Alonzo A. Ross.

H. C. R. No. 3, Advising the President of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Senate Resolution 52

Senator Moffett offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored to have as visitors in the Senate Mayor V. O. Rosser, Councilmen Buell Orr, B. R. King, and Mark Jones, Jr., City Manager Jess Tackett, City Attorney T. Jean Rodgers, County Judge Raymon Thompson, Messrs. E. R. Marchman, Frank Jennings, E. Bruce Street and Sam Harbison, all prominent citizens of Graham, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished guests to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended an official welcome.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senate Resolution 54

Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Mr. E. W. Bowers of Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, retired September 1, 1957, as Clerk of

the District Court after 24 years of continuous service; and

Whereas, He rendered outstanding service as a public official and received the applause of his fellow citizens who honored him when he retired; and

Whereas, Mr. Bowers intends to give much of his time to his writing, particularly a history of Red River County; and

Whereas, He is one of the best loved and highly respected citizens in Red River County and the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas extends its congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Bowers for his many years of faithful public service; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution properly endorsed be mailed to him, and that it is our sincere hope he will have many more happy years of his most useful and successful life.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senate Resolution 57

Senator Hudson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Miss Nancy Philen and Miss Joan Philen of Brownsville; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate and that they be given the privileges of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senate Bill on First Reading

Pursuant to the provisions of the Proclamation of the Governor for the First Called Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, the following bill was in-

troduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Aikin:

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the registration of persons who represent others before state agencies; the reporting of certain information to the Secretary of State and recording thereof by such officer; and providing a penalty for failure to register.

To the Committee on State Affairs.

House Concurrent Resolution 25 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Moffett and by unanimous consent the President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 25, In memory of Dr. Alonzo A. Ross.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

House Concurrent Resolution 5 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Martin and by unanimous consent the President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 5, Authorizing Lieutenant Governor and Speaker to designate Members to attend meetings of Council of State Governments and Interstate Relations, and payment of expenses thereof.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 10:55 o'clock a.m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, October 28, 1957.

Record of Vote

Senator Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the motion to adjourn.

**In Memory of **
Mrs. Margaret Gilliland Witherspoon

Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 53)

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom did call from her earthly labors on the sixteenth day of October, 1957, Mrs. Margaret Gilliland Witherspoon of Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas; and

Whereas, She was born at Hereford, Texas, on August 3, 1907, and was the wife of Judge James W. Witherspoon, a former District Attorney, District Judge of the 69th Judicial District, and a member of the Board of Directors of Texas A. & M. College; and

Whereas, She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Hereford, and her civic associations and leaderships were wide, including membership in the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the State of Texas; and

Whereas, This fine Christian lady's unselfish devotion to her community and her tremendous energy and efforts in behalf of many worthwhile charitable and civic causes contributed greatly to the betterment of the City of Hereford; and

Whereas, This gracious lady was a devoted wife and mother, a true homemaker, and was active throughout her life in striving to make other people happy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the passing of Mrs. Margaret Gilliland Witherspoon, the Senate of Texas mourns the loss of a great citizen and an outstanding leader in her community; that as a tribute to her memory this resolution be adopted by the Senate and printed in its Journal; and that when we adjourn today, we do so in her honor; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be mailed to each surviving member of her family as an expression of our sympathy.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of
Jacob H. Rockwell

Senator Fuller offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 55)

Whereas, On the 21st day of October, 1957, Jacob H. Rockwell was called to his Heavenly Reward; and

Whereas, Mr. Rockwell's untimely passing, at the age of 46, ended a fruitful life of service to his community and to all those with whom he had been associated throughout the State; and

Whereas, He came to Port Arthur in 1938 from Amarillo, his birthplace. In 1942 he became a safety engineer for Neches Butane Products Company but left there three years later to establish his own sporting goods store which he operated for the past twelve years. He entered into many sports events through the years and contributed much toward the pleasures of others in the sports world. He took part in many of the CavOILcade events and was always an asset to this, as well as other sports activities in his community and surrounding area; and

Whereas, Mr. Rockwell is survived by his faithful wife, Mrs. Kathryn Rockwell; one son, Rockie Rockwell; and one daughter, Miss Rochelle Rockwell, all of Port Arthur; and one brother, R. E. Rockwell of Roswell, New Mexico; and

Whereas, He was a member of the Procter Street Church of Christ and observed in his daily life the highest principles of Christianity; and

Whereas, He was a member of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge 872 and the El Mina Shrine Temple; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate of Texas to recognize and pay fitting tribute to the life of this beloved man, and to express sympathy to his family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of Texas, That a page in the Journal be set aside as a memorial to Mr. Rockwell, and that official copies of this resolution be sent to the members of his family as a tribute to his life; and be it further

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Mr. Rockwell.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of

Mrs. D. H. Williams

Senator Fuller offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 56)

Whereas, God in His Infinite Wisdom saw fit to call from her earthly labors, Mrs. D. H. Williams, on October 11, 1957; and

Whereas, Mrs. Williams, born in Loveland, and attended Mary Hardin College in Belton, Baylor University in Waco, and Blackstone College in Virginia; and

Whereas, She taught in the public school system at Mesquite, Texas, for a number of years, and was a member of the Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Mrs. Williams is mourned by her husband; two sons, William D. Williams of Abilene and Roy Bell Williams of Odessa; her sister, Mrs. Earline Boatright of Harlingen; four granddaughters; a brother-in-law, Royce Williams of Terrell; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. George Parkhouse of Dallas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate of Texas adjourns today it do so in memory of Mrs. Williams, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to her surviving family as a token of our sympathy.

FULLER

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Aikin, Ashley, Bracewell, Bradshaw, Colson, Fly, Gonzalez, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Herring, Hudson, Kazen, Krueger, Lane, Lock, Martin, Moffett, Moore, Owen, Parkhouse, Phillips, Ratliff, Reagan, Roberts, Rogers, Secrest, Smith, Weinert, Willis, Wood.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Martin and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.